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SUBJECT: DEATH SENTENCE FOR KOMANDO JIHAD FIGURE

1. ACCUSED KOMANDO JIHAD LEADER TIMZAR ZUBIL WAS GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY BY A THREE-JUDGE PANEL IN MEDAN MARCH 7. AFTER THE SENTENCE WAS ANNOUNCED, TIMZAR, WHO WAS CHARGED WITH SUBVERSION AIMED AT ESTABLISHING AN ISLAMIC STATE IN INDONESIA, APPROACHED THE BENCH TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE JUDGES, THE COURT REPORTER, PROSECUTOR AND HIS OWN COUNSEL AND TO REQUEST THAT HIS SENTENCE BE CARRIED OUT IN PUBLIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THAT THE LONG TRIAL ENDED IN A DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE DEFENDANT CAME AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE, IN THAT THE PROSECUTOR HAD ASKED FOR A SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PASSING OF SENTENCE, THE PROSECUTOR SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER APPEALING THE SENTENCE, WHILE THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD APPEAL DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CLEMENCY.

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3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT THE VERDICT AND SENTENCE IN THIS CASE WILL RAISE APPRECIABLY THE POLITICAL TEMPERATURE IN THIS AREA. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE INCLUDED IMPROBABLY TESTAMONY BY WITNESSES WHOSE CREDIBILITY SEEMS DOUBTFUL, TIMZAR'S ACTIVITIES (WHICH INCLUDED THE BOMBING OF A MOSQUE AND CHURCH AND PLANS TO BOMB A HOSPITAL, HIJACK AN AIRLINER AND ESTABLISH A "BOMB

FACTORY") WOULD BE CONDEMNED BY THE VAST MAJORITY
OF MOSLEMS, NO MATTER HOW CONSERVATIVE THEIR
BELIEFS. HOWEVER, TIMZAR'S CONVICTION PROBABLY DOES NOT
MEAN THE END OF MOSLEM EXTREMIST ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN
SUMATRA. UNFORTUNATELY, IT PROBABLY DOES MEAN THAT HIS
SUCCESSORS WILL LEARN FROM PAST FAILURES AND COMBINE
TIMZAR'S FANATICISM WITH INCREASING DEGREES OF IMAGINATION
AND SOPHISTICATION TO POSE A MORE SERIOUS THREAT TO
PEOPLE AND PROPERTY IN THE AREA. THE FACT THAT SUCH A THREAT IS
VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS IN TERMS OF THE STABILITY OF THE
PRESENT GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY BE LOST ON THEM AS IT
WAS, APPARENTLY, ON TIMZAR.
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